

OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

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J. P. Holmes—Pierce
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REGENTS UNIVERSITY
Senators—Wm V. Allen, Madison; John M. Thurston, Omaha.
Representatives—First District—Jesse B. Stode, Lincoln; Second—D. H. Mercer, Omaha; Third—Geo. D. Minkiehn, Fullerton; Fourth—J. Harper, Aurora; Fifth—Wm K. Andrews, Hastings; Sixth—O. M. Kem, Broken Bow.

JUDICIAL
Supreme Court—T. L. Norval, Chief Justice; Harrison and Polk associates.
Fifteenth Judicial District—M. P. Kinkaid, O'Neill; W. H. Westover, Rushville.

LEGISLATIVE
Representative Fifty-second District—Frank Bohlen, Ridge.
Senator Fourteenth District—Henry G. Stewart, Crawford.

LAND OFFICE
Register—C. R. Glover, Longpine; Receiver—J. A. Fike, Newport.

COUNTY
Treasurer—G. P. Crabbe.
Jerk—Geo. Elliott.
Sheriff—Amos Strong.
Judge—F. M. Walcott.
County Attorney—L. L. Stoner.
County Superintendent—Lillian Stoner.
Surveyor—Chas. Tait.
Coroner—E. W. Starr.
Commissioners—L. M. Dusham, A. Lewis, F. Sullivan.

PRECINCT
Overseers of Highways—R. Hansen and J. Ray.
Constable—R. Towne.
Justices of the Peace—John Dunn and J. M. Camm.
Assessor—John Dunn.

VILLAGE
Town Board—E. E. Sparks, president; C. H. Cornell, treasurer; T. C. Hornby, clerk; D. S. Ludwig and J. W. Burleigh, members.
Marshal and Water Commissioner—R. Towne.
School District No. 1—F. M. Walcott, president; M. V. Nicholson, treasurer; J. C. Pettijohn, secretary; J. W. Burleigh, C. P. Crabbe and J. T. Kewley, members.

SOCIETIES
YOUNG MEN'S SOCIAL CLUB—Meets every Wednesday evening at the residence of Mrs. Helen Hornby.
J. H. KING, President
FRANK E. THORN, Secretary

SETTING BULL TRIBE No. 22
IMPROVED ORDER OF REDMEN.
Meets every second and fourth Saturday of each month. Members of the order in good standing are cordially and fraternally invited to attend.
C. H. THOMPSON, Sachem,
J. D. WIGGINS, C. of Records.

A. F. & A. M.
Minnekadusa Lodge, No. 192, A. F. & A. M. meets in regular communication, Saturday evening on or before the full moon in each month. Members of the order in good and regular standing are cordially and fraternally invited to attend.
F. M. WALCOTT, W. M.
W. W. THOMPSON, Sec'y.

O. E. S.
Northern Star Chapter, No. 19, Order of the Eastern Star, meets on second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month in Hornby's hall.
MAGGIE WALCOTT, EMMA YEAST, Secretary
Worthy Matron

A. O. U. W.
Valentine Lodge, No. 70, A. O. U. W., meets 1st and 3rd Monday in each month.
M. CHRISTENSEN, W. M.
L. L. STONER, Sec.

I. O. O. F.
Valentine Lodge No. 205, I. O. O. F., meets every Thursday evening. Visiting brothers cordially invited to attend our meetings.
J. H. YEAST, N. G.
WESLEY HOLSLAW, Sec'y.

G. A. R.
Col. Wood Post No. 208, Department of Nebraska regular meeting 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at 2 p. m. sharp. Comrades from other Posts are cordially invited to attend.
W. W. THOMPSON, Commander.
JOHN DUNN, adjt.

W. R. C.
Col. Wood W. R. C. No. 179 regular meeting 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month.
AMANDA LUDWIG, Pres.
HELEN HORNBY, Sec.

M. W. A.
Valentine Camp No. 1751 Modern Woodmen of America, meets second and fourth Wednesday evenings of each month at Davenport's Hall. Visiting neighbors cordially invited to attend.
P. F. SIMONS, Ven Counsel
J. W. SPIRK, Clerk

K. of P.
Cherry Lodge No. 169 Knights of Pythias meets every Tuesday evening at Davenport's Hall.
J. T. KEELY, C. C.
JOE PUTNELL, K. of R. and S.

Arrival and Departure of Mails.
Mail east and west closes at 8 p. m.
Rosebud leaves at 8:30 a. m., daily, except Sunday, and arrives at 5:00 p. m.
Simeon, Kennedy, and Oasis leaves at 7:00 a. m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and arrives at 7:00 p. m. Tuesdays and Saturdays.
Pt. Niobrara leaves daily at 7:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.; arrives at 9:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Keweenaw, and Sparks arrives Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 5:00 p. m., and leaves Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 7:00 a. m.
General delivery open from 7:00 a. m. to 7:30 p. m. General delivery open on Saturdays from 8:00 a. m. to 10 a. m. Lock boxes open daily from 8 a. m. to 8:30 p. m.
W. E. HALEY, Postmaster.

PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS CARDS.

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Physician and Surgeon.
Office at C. R. Watson's Drug Store. Prompt attention given to all professional calls.
VALENTINE, NEBRASKA.

Teachers Examination.
The regular monthly Teachers Examination will be held the third Saturday of each month at my office in the Court House.
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Supt. of Schools.

ED. CLARKE,
Attorney-at-Law,
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VALENTINE, NEBRASKA.

THE VALENTINE DEMOCRAT

SUCCESSOR TO THE
CHERRY COUNTY INDEPENDENT.

ROBERT GOOD, Editor and Publisher

Races June 11.
Agitate for the Fourth of July celebration.

Charles Wellford has been promoted from the position of editor of the school column to foreman of THE DEMOCRAT composing room.

C. H. DeLong D. D. S., of Omaha, was in town yesterday morning, but finding Valentine well supplied with Dentists, went to Longpine.

Geo. Cyphers has a bid in for constructing the addition to the hospital at Fort Niobrara. Bids will be opened today. The job amounts to about \$3,000.

The parties who were arrested a few weeks ago on the charge of stealing fifteen sacks of flour from an Indian, were acquitted of the charge last Friday in the U. S. Court at Omaha.

Your attention is called to the change in the advertisement and firm name of Selden, The Tailor. The business will hereafter be carried on by Otto Berger, with W. A. Selden as manager.

Wm. Steadman was up from his ranch at Pass, Tuesday. Mr. Steadman is one of the most progressive and prosperous ranchmen in Cherry county, and is one of the "invincible" democrats of the southeast.

The Supreme Court has reversed the the sugar bounty decisions of Comptroller Bowler, and the bounties provided for by the last congress will be paid. Nebraska factories will receive \$45,087 by this decision.

"Company Q" was out in force Tuesday night to celebrate the departure of Prof. Medders. This is a jolly crowd of boys, but they never allow their hilarity to cause them to overstep the bounds of prudence.

One of the finest driving horses we have seen recently is the black horse purchased by E. J. DeBell in Omaha and shipped here Tuesday. He is a beauty, and will show his heels to most anything that travels in these parts.

From private sources we learn that R. M. Faddis will arrive at his ranch at Pass about June 5th, with 500 head of cattle which he is driving overland from Julesburg, Colorado, having shipped them to that point by rail from Southern Colorado and New Mexico.

W. E. Haley went to Omaha Sunday as a witness in the case against Collins and Woodford, of Chadron, who were charged with using the mails for fraudulent purposes. The defendants plead guilty and were fined \$75 and the costs. Mr. Haley returned home Tuesday night.

The car of horses for the St. Louis commission house was launched upon its journey Friday night with Phil Horn in charge. Some of the boys celebrated the event Saturday by getting gloriously full. The outcome of this shipment is watched with a good deal of interest.—Hay Springs Leader.

The Hay Springs Live Stock Association has been formed with Wm. Colman president and H. A. Peters secretary. The object of the association is the promotion of the interests of stockmen, location of estrays, etc., and the membership numbers thirteen. Next meeting will be at Hay Springs, May 30.

The Wymore Arbor State is after the municipal administration of that burg with a sharp stick. Among other complimentary things it says: "Born of ignorance, nurtured in malice and placed in power by treachery, we have today the most disreputable municipal gang in power this city has ever seen."

THE DEMOCRAT is in receipt of a copy of the proceedings of the second general convention of the Nebraska Beet Sugar Convention, held at Freemont, February 5th and 6th, and may next week give our readers the benefit of some of the facts contained therein relative to the growing of sugar beets.

Mrs. Kurtzebaum, mother of Mrs. Sergt. Dyer and Mrs. Corporal Wayne, died at Fort Niobrara last Thursday, of cancer. She had been ill for some time and was 62 years of age at the time of her death. Rev. J. M. Bates, of the Episcopal church, conducted the funeral services and the body was interred in the Post cemetery Friday afternoon, a number of her friends in Valentine attending the funeral services.

Sunday has special attractions for the piscatorial artists, and they were out in force last Sabbath. We don't like to say how many fish they caught, but we know of one party who captured at least three.

We wish to call the attention of all secret society men to our lodge directory. Its value is so apparent we need not expatiate on it. Should any lodges be not represented, or should any changes be desired, we will consider it a favor if you notify us of the fact.

The F. E. railroad is beautifying its depot grounds all along the line. Trees have been planted in the park here and good black dirt is being hauled from Fremont for filling in the same, after which it will be covered with blue grass sod. The section men have orders to water the trees every night.

State Fair Aug. 27 to Sept. 5.
The premium lists of the Nebraska State Fair and Exposition are out and announce that \$40,000 in premiums will be paid to exhibitors. The Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben will celebrate the Feast of Olympia, and the Northwestern Scandinavian Singers Association will hold its third biennial session at Omaha during fair week and give a grand musical festival on the grounds on Friday, September 4.

Love Drove Him Crazy.
Geo. Moehlenkamp, of Merriman, was adjudged insane last Saturday by the county board of insanity, composed of County Clerk Elliott, Attorney Clarke and Physician Lewis, and was taken to the Norfolk asylum by Sheriff Strong Tuesday morning. Moehlenkamp, it is said, went crazy over a pretty Cherry county school teacher, and his mania consisted principally in making offers of marriage to every girl he met. Several Valentine young women received proposals from him.

Attention!
Joint memorial services will be held Sunday, June 7, by the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Modern Woodmen lodges. Visiting brothers are invited to participate in the exercises. Members of the order named will meet at their lodge room at 10 a. m., sharp, and march to the M. E. church at 11, where Rev. J. C. Sloan, of Alliance, will deliver the memorial sermon. After the church services all will march to the cemetery to decorate the graves of deceased brothers. The 12th Infantry Band will furnish music.

Anest Mountaches
Queer, isn't it, what different opinions men have regarding whiskers? Now there's Chas. R. Watson, the owner of as nice a drug store as anyone could wish to see, and yet he has gone and spoiled it all by shaving off his mountache. With the "ticklers" he looked just what he was, a first class druggist, but now Mike Harrington, of O'Neill, will have a terrible time explaining to his traveling friends that he has not gone into the drug and weather bureau business at Valentine. Have you noticed the resemblance? Next!

Stetter-Curtis.
Last evening at eight o'clock, in the presence of a few friends, was solemnized the marriage of John G. Stetter and Mrs. Fannie Curtis, Rev. O. L. Ramsey performed the ceremony. Both the contracting parties are well known in Valentine, having lived here for many years, and they have hosts of friends who will wish them joy and prosperity in their matrimonial venture. The bride is a lady esteemed by all and will make a model spouse for "Johnny," while the sterling worth and honest good humor of the groom insures for Mrs. Stetter a "poor half" who will never be found wanting in those qualities which go to make a good husband.

Make Brick.
The party of gentlemen who were out last week searching for brick clay found a large deposit of an excellent quality of the same, on the Cornell place near the mouth of the Minnehaduzza. Frank Whitecar, the brick man, says he will put in a plant, with a capacity of 20,000 brick per day, if the citizens of Valentine will guarantee him the sale of 500,000 brick this year at \$7 per thousand at the yard, or \$7.75 delivered in town. This seems to us to be a liberal proposition, and prompt action to accept it should be taken. Two or three of our business men are talking of building this summer, and besides, we ought to have a new school house. Our present school accommodations are almost a disgrace to the town, and should be tolerated no longer.

WOOD LAKE DEPARTMENT

LEROY LEACH, Editor.

Postmaster Leach returned last week from Omaha accompanied by his grand-daughter, Miss Nellie Hal-lenbeck, who intends visiting for some time with her relatives. Mr. Leach says it rained continually while he was in Omaha, and as a result the country was flooded. Floods are something we need not fear in Cherry county.

Mr. Piercy, of Kennedy, visited our city on business last week.

The boys had another horse race Wednesday, but as we were not present cannot give details beyond mentioning the fact that everybody won the purse.

W. Honey, Esq., is sinking a well in the city square and will soon be able to supply the dry suburbs with water at cheap rates.

LeRoy Leach and Chas. Murphy took a trip to Ainsworth on Tuesday of last week, and report business very quiet in that section. The roads, however, are excellent for bicycle riding.

As news is somewhat scarce this week we will tell you about

THE "COLONEL'S" SPEECH
A few years since a "Colonel" wandered over to our town from the north expressly for the purpose of furnishing the learned populace of Woodlake with a free speech relative to the early life of General Grant, and made arrangements to deliver it over the counter of one of our busy stores on the evening of the day on which he arrived.

The boys, most of them ranchmen, concluded that it would be real funny to give the Colonel a warm reception. They accordingly proceeded, while the Colonel was at supper, to swing up an old skull to the ceiling directly above where the Colonel must stand; loaded both barrels of a shot-gun, which they placed beneath the counter with a string to the triggers; then, having provided themselves with fire crackers, croquet mallets, together with some large tin pans, quietly awaited the Colonel. He soon came in and commenced the following speech:

"Gentlemen, General Grant was one of the most remarkable men of our time, and—Bang! went a large fire cracker, while the skull slid slowly down in front of the Colonel's nose, 'the ablest general named on the pages of the world's history,' continued the unmoved Colonel. 'Hi, yi, yip, yip! Boom, fizz, crack! crack! crack! crack! came the applause at the conclusion of the sentence.

"Gentleman," continued the Colonel, "we all know that without the aid of General Grant the civil war would never have—'Boom! boom!' roared the shot-gun at this juncture, while with a yell of terror the Colonel leaped the counter clear and made madly for the door, followed by a deafening roar of the cans, six-shooters and wild western yells. Having gained the doorway, the Colonel's courage returned, and as soon as the tumult had subsided, he said: 'Gentlemen, I supposed I was addressing a peaceable gathering; not a crowd of Sioux Indians; but I see you do not appreciate my oration, so will add just this much: If I but possessed the muscle that I had twenty years ago, I could and would thrash every man in the room Good night all!' So saying he disappeared, while the boys looked at each other silently.

At the January meeting of the Board of County Commissioners the following estimate for county expenses for the year 1896 was made:

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| County Bridges | \$4,000 |
| Court and Jury | 4,000 |
| Precinct Officers | 4,000 |
| County Officers | 3,500 |
| Jail and Boarding Prisoners | 2,000 |
| County Roads | 2,000 |
| Supplies for Poor | 2,000 |
| Sinking Fund and Interest | 2,000 |
| Rent of County Offices | 810 |
| Bounty on Wild Animals | 400 |
| Fuel and Repairs | 300 |
| Books, Blanks and Stationery | 300 |
| Honorably Discharged Soldiers | 200 |
| Total | \$25,510 |

Attest: GEO. ELLIOTT, County Clerk.

Forty thousand head of Texas and Mexican cattle belonging mostly to the Cordillitas mining and cattle company will be turned on the range near Chadron, Nebraska, next week to run on pasture until fall, when they will be sent to market.—Gordon Journal.

Simeon.
W. F. Morgateige purchased the Ayers tree claim last week.

C. A. Day and family passed through this locality last week enroute to California. We wish him success in his new home.

Mrs. Hobbs lost two fine calves with the black leg last week.

Sheriff Strong was out Saturday and Sunday looking after his horses.

Mr. and Mrs. Ayers, of Crookston, were visiting in the flats last week.

H. B. Clapp has gone up on the table to put in corn. The girls all look sad.

John Lord has bought the Jack Darr house and is moving it. He says he is going to have a log house this fall.

Picnic at Simeon Decoration Day.

Children's Day will be celebrated at the new church. Everybody is expected to come and bring their dinners.

J. Farris was out from Valentine Monday.

Mrs. Riggie, of Sparks, is visiting in the flats this week.

Simeon is organizing a library association. The first instalment of books is on hand.

Look for us next week.

OSCAR.

Church News.

Rev. Bates held services in the Episcopal church Sunday.

Rev. Ramsey is rapidly obtaining a reputation as an orator or perhaps it would be better to say lecturer, and his talk Sunday morning surely proves that he deserves a place in the front rank of northwestern Nebraska speakers.

Service in the M. E. church next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Epworth League at 7:00 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. All are cordially invited. O. L. Ramsey, pastor.

Christian Endeavor topic for May 31 is "Ready for Death." Matt. 24:36-51. Meeting commences at 7 o'clock.

Services will be held at the Episcopal church Sunday, June 7, at which time Rev. Bates will deliver a sermon on "Christian Ministry." Service commences in the evening at 8 o'clock sharp.

The Epworth League will discuss the second clause of the Epworth League pledge at its meeting in the M. E. church Sunday evening. Those desiring Bible help are referred to Eccles. 5:4-5; John 2:1-2; 15:11; Matt. 7:21; John 17:4; Gal. 5:16; 1 Cor. 8:13.

The Edna May Comedy Co. played to a slim house here last Friday evening, presenting the three-act drama "Little Treasure." The kaleidoscopic dance was good, the calcium light being managed in a very effective manner. The most striking feature of the evening was Judge Walcott's attempt at a back summersault from a seat in the parquet. "The furniture broke."

The Pacific Short Line.

Is the only direct line from Northern Nebraska points to Sioux City and the East. Trains leave O'Neill immediately after arrival of train from Black Hills, saving two hours' time to Sioux City. Connections made in New Union Passenger Station. Buy local tickets to O'Neill and rebuy there.

We notice that a number of papers have adopted our method of spelling the name of Longpine as one word. A glance at the Postal Guide will show you that our method is right.

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It Pays US
It Pays YOU
It Pays

IF you have been paying \$10.00 for what we ask only \$7.00, then you have paid \$3.00 too much.

IF you have money to spend it is your privilege to go where it will buy the most—nay, more, it is your duty.

WHEN you have seen our goods and prices we will be willing to leave this to your judgment.

We have just received a new assortment of

CLOTHING, HATS AND SHOES
also
Shirts, Overalls, Suspenders, Socks, Gloves, etc.

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| Good fancy suspenders | 15c |
| Extra heavy " | 25c |
| Good fine socks, per pair | 10c |
| Rib top socks, 4 pair for | 25c |
| Good socks, per pair | 5c |
| Good boy's shirt | 43c |
| Good men's shirt | 48c |
| Good men's gloves | 48c |
| Fine assortment of pants at | \$1.48 |

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WILLET
NO. 17109

Sire of Nabob (4) 2:30. Sire, Rochester 616. Record 2:31.

Sire of
BELL BOY - 2:24 1/2 DINNER - 2:36
ORIANA - 2:25 MINOT - 2:36 1/2
FLORESTINE - 2:26 1/2 SENSATION - 2:36 1/2
And many others.

1st dam JEANNETTE, by HAMBLETONIAN 157.
Dam of Willet (sire of Nabob, 2:30) and Kattana (dam of Norlette, 2:25), Hazel's. Sire of the dams of Ida Belle, 2:23, and Lottie E., 2:27
2nd dam, DAUGHTER OF ABDEL-LAH 15.
Sire of Goldsmith Maid, 2:14.

Will stand the season at M. R. Farris' place one-fourth mile south of the depot at Valentine, Nebraska.
TERMS—\$10.00 to insure foal.

L. W. HANDY, Keeper

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